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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicant submits the following information which may be material to the examination of this application.

Attached to this paper is a PTO Form 1449 listing documents to be considered by the Examiner. Copies of the documents cited on the PTO Form 1449 are also enclosed.

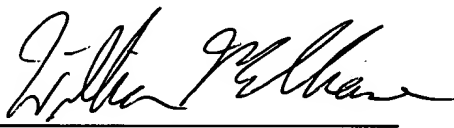
Applicant has had an English language translation of pages 2-7 of JP 10028531 (or JP 10-28531) prepared for the Examiner's convenience. However, since neither applicant nor his attorney can read the Japanese language, they can make no representations as to the accuracy of the translation. If the Examiner considers JP 10028531 to be relevant to the present application, the Examiner should obtain a certified translation of this document.

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It is respectfully requested that the documents cited on the attached Form 1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. It is also respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the attached PTO Form 1449 be returned to applicant.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted after three (3) months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application but before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. In view of the above, applicant believes that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) have been met and that no additional fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount which may be required by this paper to the Account of the undersigned attorneys, Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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